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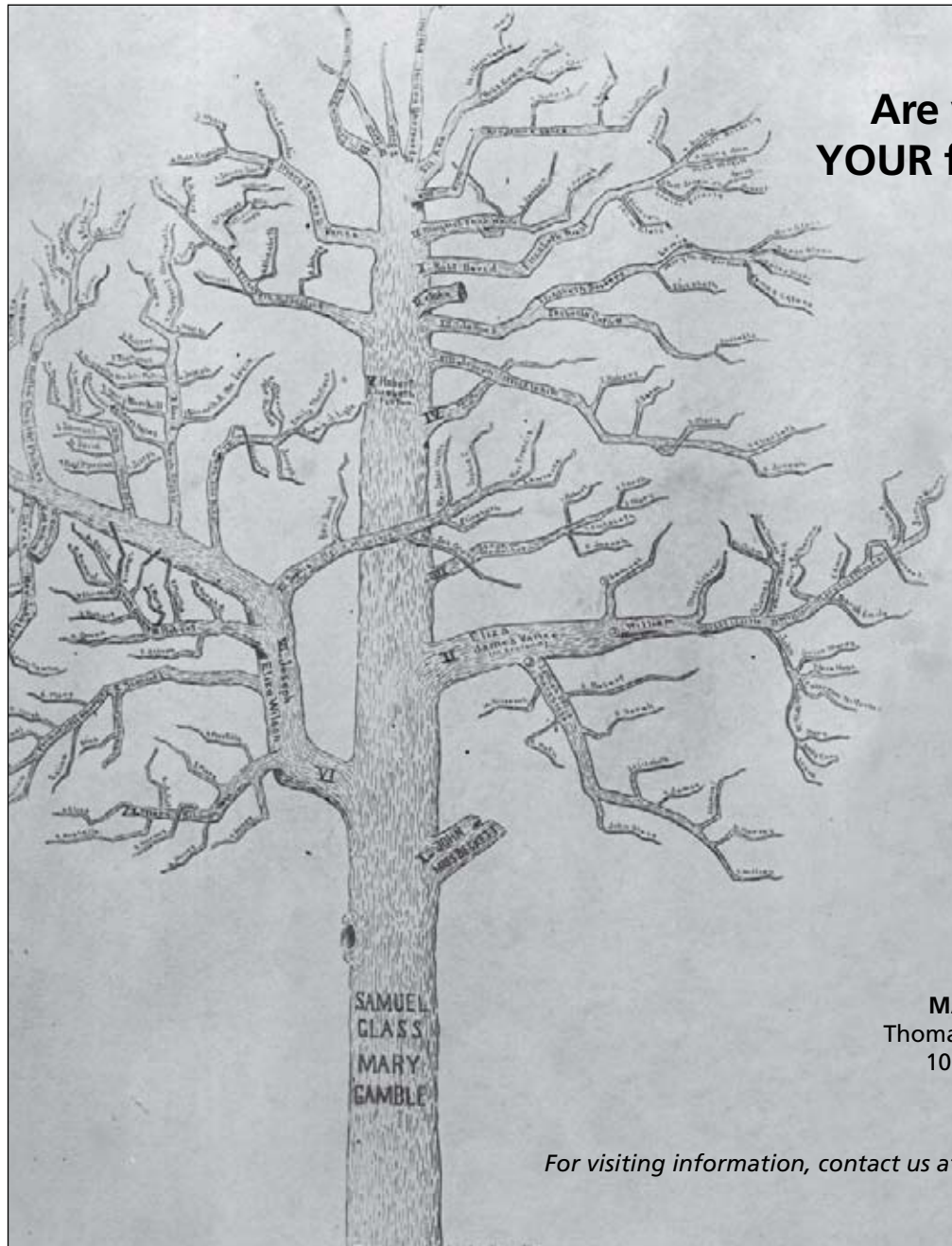
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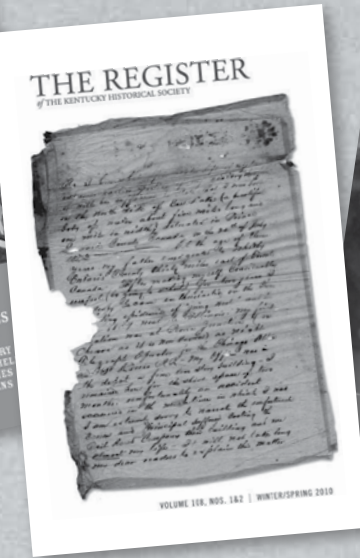
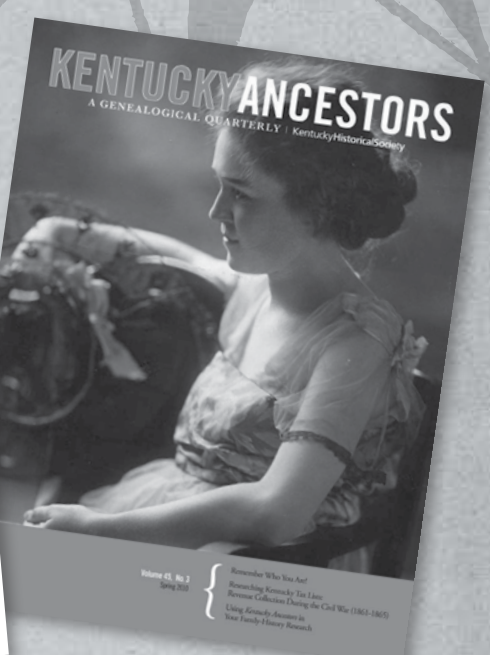
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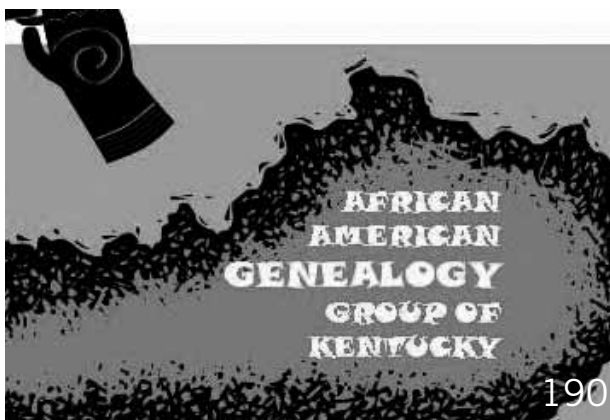


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“ . . . so all Kentuckians may discover  
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Summertime gives you the opportunity to plan a road trip (whether by car, truck, plane, or train) to places where your ancestors lived and where you can do genealogy research, visit the “old home place,” local churches, cemeteries, and other local sights that touched the lives of your ancestors.

Plan your trip (where you will be and the dates you plan to be there) and check ahead to ensure that libraries, genealogical/historical societies, and other possible research sites will be open for your visit.

One very interesting location to visit while you are on your summer genealogical journey are the cemeteries where your ancestors are buried. Go equipped with a notebook, camera, and the appropriate cleaning supplies so you can give a little personal attention to your ancestors’ graves and tombstones if the grass has grown up around them. Cemetery neglect and just the normal residue from mowing can throw grass and dirt up on a tombstone. Use your notebook and camera to document the pattern of burial for your family members, the information found on each grave marker, and the camera to digitally document what the marker looks like for long-term documentation. Good photographs of a cemetery, the buildings around it, and its location in the community make a great illustration for a family-history article or book. There are books available on how to do cemetery research that will help you make the most of your cemetery visit.

While you are out visiting archives and research facilities, note the people who assist you and get a good overview of the kind of genealogical records and materials they have available that you might be able to make further use of by long-distance research methods during the fall and winter months that are just down the road.



**Don Rightmyer**  
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# Simon Pryor (1760-1842) of Grayson County, Kentucky

By Patricia Craig Johnson

In searching for the parents of John Pryor, finding Simon Pryor Jr., Margaret Storms, Simon Pryor Sr., and Susanna Morgan was the biggest breakthrough of 2005, if not of a lifetime. I knew very little about John Pryor before 2005. I knew he was born in 1816<sup>1</sup> in Kentucky and died 1 August 1856 in Coles County, Illinois. There he married Faithy Champion 25 Oct 1839<sup>2</sup> and had five daughters and one son. He was age forty when he died and was buried in Old Baptist Cemetery<sup>3</sup> near Etna, Illinois. Finding his parents and where he came from in Kentucky seemed an impossible task. I would work on his case for awhile and then put him away on the shelf.

Periodically I would look for new information about him, and this is exactly what happened in January 2005. I found a Margaret Cole married to an Isaac Hart in Kentucky, with mention that she was also the mother of a John Pryor.<sup>4</sup> I had found this information before, but without something substantial to prove it, it was just a theory. However, this time I found something different. Another descendant had posted a statement that Isaac Hart had given permission—as her stepfather<sup>5</sup> for Hannah Pryor to marry in Kentucky and that the Isaac Hart family Bible stated that he had married Mrs. Margaret Pryor and she had two Pryor children—Hannah born in 1814 and John born in 1816.<sup>6</sup> This got my attention. Here was something other than theory.

Many years ago I ordered the 1855 Coles County, Illinois, state census<sup>7</sup> through interlibrary loan. Since I have so many people from that county, I decided to copy the whole county, and I have those pages in my

Pryor binder. I immediately went to that census to see if there were any Harts near John Pryor in 1855. Imagine my delight when I found several of Isaac Hart's sons living as neighbors of John Pryor. Then I went to the 1860 Coles County, Illinois, Federal census<sup>8</sup> and found Isaac and Margaret Hart living on the next farm to John Pryor's widow, Faithy, and her second husband. Now there was no doubt I had found conclusive evidence that John Pryor and Margaret Hart could be connected. But I still needed something more than assumptions before I could rest easy.

Among the items posted on the Internet was mention of Margaret's first husband being Simon Pryor Jr. and that his family was of Grayson County, Kentucky. I immediately went to Grayson County, Kentucky (via the Internet, of course).<sup>9</sup> I learned a great deal about Simon's father, Simon Pryor Sr., and his mother, Susanna Morgan. This couple stayed in the Grayson County area all of their adult lives, so there were many records about them. One thing that caught my attention even more was that Simon Sr. was a Revolutionary patriot.

One of the most useful things found on the Internet is the American Revolution pension applications. These are available on Footnote.com. I immediately went there and found that Simon Pryor Sr. did indeed file for a pension and even better, Susanna filed for a widow's pension after he died. When the veteran filed for his pension the primary concern was proving he served. When the widow applied for her pension she had to prove she was married to him and often she submitted

great genealogical information in fulfilling that requirement. How could I have been so lucky? Susanna submitted her family Bible pages to show her marriage, the births of her, her husband, and all thirteen children, deaths of all that had deceased at that time, and the marriages of her children that were married at that time, including Simon Jr. It said very plainly "Simon Pryor married Margaret Storms." It listed their children as Hannah, born 22 June 1814, John, born 27 May 1816, and Baby, born 31 December 1818. Simon Jr., died 9 April 1818, eight months before Baby was born. It is presumed that this Baby was a son named Jesse Pryor, but his name is not mentioned in the family Bible.<sup>10</sup>

This proved the names of John Pryor's parents. I spent quite a bit of time investigating Margaret Storms Pryor and Isaac Hart's children in hopes of finding out more about Margaret. I was totally engrossed in finding out about their seven children. This venture introduced me to several Civil War veterans; children that had moved to Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and back to Illinois. All I really learned about Margaret Storms was that she was alive in 1865 and nowhere to be found in 1870. I learned that her father was John Storms and her mother was Hannah Collard.<sup>11</sup> There is still much to be learned about these frontier Kentucky people.

I was totally amazed to receive a copy of Simon Sr. and Susanna Morgan's original marriage bond. The original is in the possession of Celia Keeling of Bardstown, Kentucky. She has the actual marriage bonds in her home as the result of a transcribing project. She made a copy of that very old document and mailed it to me. The Nelson County, Kentucky, marriage bond was dated 25 August 1785.<sup>12</sup>

So at last, John Pryor has been found. He seemed like an impossible case for many years and now I know a great deal. He died so young that there were not many records to find about him. His children all moved far away and memory of him was lost in far off Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and California. Now I know not only about him, but his parents (Simon Jr. and Margaret Storms) and his grandparents (Simon Sr. and Susanna Morgan) as well. Following is a recap of what I know about each of these Pryor couples:

#### **Simon Pryor Sr:**

Born 19 Feb 1760 in Essex County, New Jersey

Married 25 Aug 1785 in Nelson County, Kentucky, to Susanna Morgan  
Died 10 Feb 1842 in Grayson County, Kentucky

#### **Susanna Morgan:**

Born 10 Jun 1765 in Monongahela, Virginia, to Charles Morgan and unknown mother  
Died 22 Dec 1861 in Grayson County, Kentucky

#### **Simon Pryor Jr:**

Born 3 Oct 1789 in Bullitt County, Kentucky  
Married 20 May 1813 in Grayson County, Kentucky, to Margaret Storms  
Died 8 Apr 1818 in Grayson County, Kentucky

#### **Margaret Storms:**

Born 11 Dec 1796 in Kentucky to John Storms and Hannah Collard  
Died after 1865, probably in Coles County, Illinois

#### **John Pryor:**

Born 27 May 1816 in Grayson County, Kentucky  
Married 29 Oct 1839 in Coles County, Illinois, to Faithy Champion  
Died 1 Aug 1856 in Coles County, Illinois

#### **Faithy Champion:**

Born about 1818 in Tennessee to Richard Champion and Dorcas Manning  
Died 20 Aug 1910 in Coles County, Illinois  
Added notes:

1. My theory is that Margaret Storms was believed to be Margaret Cole because someone saw that a Reverend Cole married her daughter Hannah Pryor to Mortimore Lipsey. Fortunately Susanna's Bible proved her correct maiden name.
2. Susanna Morgan's father was Charles Morgan.<sup>13</sup> Some researchers believe that he and her mother were killed by Indians in about 1780, and that she went to live with a married sister in Bardstown, Kentucky, after their death. This may never be substantiated but could be entirely possible due to the violence of early Kentucky. John Burnett later stated that Susanna Morgan Pryor was his mother's sister. Joseph Burnett of Nelson County, Kentucky, married Susanna to Simon Pryor Sr. This is quite likely Susanna's brother-in-law.<sup>14</sup>
3. Simon Pryor Sr. served in the American

Revolution and he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, General Maxfield, Colonel McFarlan, Captain Edmerson, Lieutenant Seth Rament. He was first drafted and joined the army in the militia of New Jersey in May 1776, was stationed at Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, and marched from there through Pennsylvania and was at the battle of Long Island at which place General Sullivan commanded at the time. He served six months in the New Jersey militia, and he afterwards volunteered for nine months in the militia of New Jersey and served out the nine months under the before named officers and at the end of the nine months he enlisted for three years under the same officers and served about two years and then enlisted under Captain Craig in Colonel Miles regiment of Light Horse and served in it some time and then hired a substitute, that in the whole he served in the army upwards of five years. He was in the battle of Monmouth, battles of Springfield, Long Island, besides some skirmishing. He was acquainted with General Mifflin, General Lee, General Green, General Sterling, and Colonel Ford.<sup>15</sup>

### Migration Pattern

John Pryor migrated to Coles County, Illinois, before 1839 when he married Faithy Champion. He had Hart stepbrothers in the area and perhaps went there because of those family ties. By 1860 his mother, Margaret Storms, and her second husband, Isaac Hart, had moved to Coles County, Illinois, as well. John Pryor's daughter, Margaret, married Dennis Meech in 1856<sup>16</sup> and moved shortly after to Linn County, Kansas. This is where their daughter, Faithy Ellen Meech, met and married William Craig in 1884<sup>17</sup> and had my grandfather, Claude Leolis Craig, in 1886.<sup>18</sup>

This four-generation migration from New Jersey to Kansas is as follows:

1. Simon Pryor Sr from New Jersey to Nelson County, Kentucky, to Grayson County, Kentucky
2. Susanna Morgan from Virginia to Nelson County, Kentucky, to Grayson County, Kentucky
3. (Their grandson) John Pryor from Grayson County, Kentucky, to Coles County Illinois

4. (Their great granddaughter) Margaret Pryor Meech from Coles County, Illinois, to Linn County, Kansas

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# David Tanner, Pioneer Extraordinaire

By Gary M. Tanner

David Tanner was born about 1742 in Virginia. He was the brother of John Tanner Jr., who was a Baptist preacher.<sup>1</sup> The Tanner family moved from Chesterfield County, Virginia, to Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in the late 1750s or early 1760s, and David was first mentioned as a witness to a deed in Halifax County, North Carolina, in 1760.<sup>2</sup> Halifax County was formed from Edgecombe County in 1758. In 1769, his father, John Tanner Sr., gave him land on the north side of Fishing Creek.<sup>3</sup> Fishing Creek, as the county lines changed, was located in Edgecombe, Halifax, and Bute counties. David married Mary Barnes<sup>4</sup> in 1773 in Halifax County.<sup>5</sup> In this same year David and his wife Mary sold their land to Absolom Benton.<sup>6</sup> This land was part of a patent granted to James Spier in 1743 and to John Tanner in 1760. From 1775 to 1779 David Tanner lived in Bute County, North Carolina.<sup>7</sup> In January 1775, David was commissioned a lieutenant in the militia for the Fishing Creek district.<sup>8</sup>

According to William Chenault, who wrote "The Early History of Madison County (Kentucky)," David and his brother, John Tanner, were in Fincastle County, Virginia (as it was known at that time) as early as April of 1775.<sup>9</sup> They were probably in that area looking for a suitable place to settle with their families as were many other early visitors to what would later become Kentucky. David and his brother did not stay long for they were involved in activities in North Carolina after that time, as mentioned above. Between 13 March 1780 and 26 June 1780, David Tanner served with George Rogers Clark in

Captain Charles Gatliff's Company of Rangers and was ordered on duty by John Bowman in what was then Kentucky County, Virginia.<sup>10</sup> From 1781 to 1786, David was involved in land entries in Lincoln County, which at that time was still in Virginia.<sup>11</sup> David Tanner served a second time under George Rogers Clark between 23 October 1782 and 23 November 1782 in Captain William McCrackin's company on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians.<sup>12</sup>

David Tanner must have traveled back to North Carolina after his second tour of duty as he was not mentioned anywhere in that part of Virginia until the summer of 1784 when he returned to Fayette County, Virginia, and built the first settlement, called Tanner Station, in what is now Nicholas County, Kentucky.<sup>13</sup> This settlement was located in the Lower Blue Licks, a quarter of a mile from Blue Licks State Park where the battle of Blue Licks occurred in 1782. A replica of the settlement was erected by Jesse Mains and others around 2004 on property of the Kentucky State Park.<sup>14</sup> [see photos] According to the Draper manuscripts, David erected this fortification over a spring to protect salt makers from Indian attacks. He also built cabins on the hillside above this enclosure so he could observe what was going on inside.<sup>15</sup> David was one of the earliest entrepreneurs in the area as he leased his large kettles to settlers following the buffalo road from Boonesborough to Maysville. The settlers could make salt for themselves at a cost of half the salt produced or could purchase salt itself. David Tanner's wife was also observed there at that





Author Gary Tanner stepping from doorway of two-story blockhouse, reconstructed Tanner Station (Photo courtesy Gary Tanner)



Front views of the reconstructed Tanner Station, built in 2002 (Photo courtesy Gary Tanner)

time making soap from the ashes of the salt-making process.<sup>16</sup> This establishes proof that this was the first known David Tanner family homestead in what would become Kentucky in 1792.

David Tanner had land surveyed in July 1784 on Otter Creek, in what was then Lincoln County, Virginia,<sup>17</sup> but did not receive the grant until 1786.<sup>18</sup> That 1,000-acre tract of land was located between Otter Creek and Muddy Creek and was located five miles below Boonesborough. That area would become Madison County in 1786.

Sometime after March 1786, David left that part of Virginia and went to Natchez District, Province of Louisiana, probably by way of the Mississippi River, because in April 1786 he sold his boat there for \$136.00.<sup>19</sup> He probably took a boat full of crops and other items to that area to sell as did many early pioneers during that time. David was mentioned as a planter and had six slaves with him that his father had given him at the time of David's marriage that he had brought from North Carolina. His father, knowing that David was about to emigrate from North Carolina to a foreign land, gave his wife one slave woman named Esther.<sup>20</sup> David chose to sell some of his slaves to pay for his debts.<sup>21</sup> In June 1786, James Buchanan, assignee of David Tanner, was involved in a court action against John Tanner in Virginia/Kentucky.<sup>22</sup> David remained in the Natchez District area until August 1790 when he was mentioned in the inventory of the estate of William Hoy in Madison County, Virginia (Kentucky).<sup>23</sup> In February 1791, David and his wife, Mary, gave

power of attorney to John Halley to sell his 1,000-acre tract located in Madison County.<sup>24</sup> After this date David and his family must have returned to Natchez District because he was mentioned on the estate of Richard Carpenter in March 1791 and again in April 1791 involving Samuel Flowers.<sup>25</sup> David returned to Kentucky and was involved in several deeds and land transactions between June 1791<sup>26</sup> and July 1795.<sup>27</sup> In September 1797, Mary Tanner was a witness to a dispute between Abraham Horten and Reubin Denham in the Natchez District.<sup>28</sup> That was the last time Mary Tanner was ever mentioned. In January 1799, David Tanner was involved with Green Clay over land conveyance in Madison County, Kentucky.<sup>29</sup> That was the last time David Tanner was ever mentioned.

In trying to determine when David died, I found a reference to a suit brought by the heirs of John Tanner, David's brother, about 1810 in Kentucky. The heirs commissioned Henry Clay to represent them.<sup>30</sup> In this reference the brother of John Tanner, not mentioned by name, sold land to Lawrence Owen. That brother claimed to have the power of attorney. The only brother that John Tanner had in Kentucky at the time was David Tanner. Clay brought suit against Lawrence Owen claiming that the brother of John Tanner did not have legal rights to sell that land. The two Tanner brothers were dead by the time the judgment was rendered. It is my belief that the illegal land transaction in question was the earlier reference to the June 1786 court action involving a suit against John Tanner by James

Buchanan, assignee of David Tanner. This may be the reason David Tanner and his family left the Lincoln/Madison county area to live in the Natchez District for several years. James Buchanan probably represented David while he was in the Natchez District. When and where David and Mary Tanner died is still unknown.

Although David Tanner did not get the notoriety that Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton, James Harrod, and others received in the early history of Kentucky, he achieved much during his life. He was an early explorer of what became Kentucky, a planter/farmer by trade, a Revolutionary War soldier, an Indian fighter, the builder of Tanner Station, an early entrepreneur, and a Mississippi River trader. Much has been written about David's brother, the Baptist preacher John Tanner, but little was known about David Tanner. I am a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution through my great-great-great-grandfather, David Tanner.

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# Finding Your Kentucky War of 1812 Ancestor

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Commemoration of the War of 1812 bicentennial begins in 2012. That war (1812-15) played a major role in the early history of Kentucky. Over 25,700 men from Kentucky served in the war, and the state had over sixty percent of the total casualties (more deaths in battle than all other states combined) suffered during the conflict.<sup>1</sup> Governor Isaac Shelby led Kentucky men in a campaign during the war, and Henry Clay signed the peace treaty which ended the war in 1814.

With the number of Kentucky men who served in the war, there is a very good chance that you have a War of 1812 veteran somewhere back in your Kentucky family tree. The bibliography accompanying this article contains a number of sources that may be valuable in identifying your War of 1812 ancestor. The primary general resource is James C. Neagles's *U.S. Military Records*<sup>2</sup> which contains a thorough listing of both national and state sources for military service.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives ([www.kdla.ky.gov](http://www.kdla.ky.gov)) is a primary source for Kentucky military records. The other main source is the Kentucky Military Records Archives, also located in Frankfort.<sup>3</sup> Your local public library and the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History have several histories of the War of 1812 that will help you to better understand the war and the campaigns in which your ancestor might have served.

Finally, the Kentucky War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission will be creating a program of events

that will honor the thirty Kentucky counties that are named for men who served in the War of 1812. Check the Kentucky Historical Society Web site (<http://www.history.ky.gov/sub.php?pageid=144&sectionid=5>) for the commission link to learn what events and programs will be offered.

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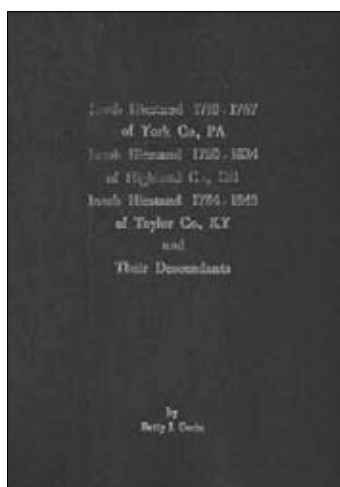
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## BOOK NOTES

Editor's Note: The books included in Book Notes are placed in the collection of the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Donations of published Kentucky family histories, genealogical document references, county, and community histories are encouraged.



**Jacob Hiestand (1710-1767) of York County, Pa., Jacob Hiestand (1750-1824) of Highland County, Ohio, and Jacob Hiestand (1784-1848) of Taylor County, Kentucky, and Their Descendants.** By Betty J. Gorin. (2010. Pp. 843. Cloth. Copy donated to the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library, Kentucky Historical Society.)

Local historian and Taylor County genealogist, Betty J. Gorin, has written an extensive Hiestand family history, beginning with Jacob Hiestand, born in Germany in 1710. As the book title notes, this family history traces three Jacob Hiestands and their progressive moves from Pennsylvania through Ohio and

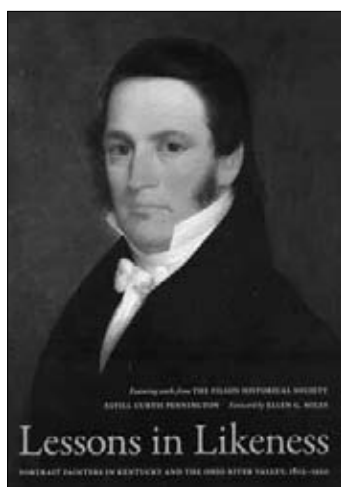
into Kentucky. The majority of this family history contains details on the various generations of the family up to present-day descendants and contains a large amount of detailed biographical information on many family members as well as photographs, maps, and images that further explain the family's experiences in this country following its origins from ancestral roots in Switzerland and Germany in the 1700s. The book concludes with a complete-name index that covers everyone mentioned in the book.

Baltimore: Clearfield Company by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953, or from the Internet at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com))

The new "Genealogy at a Glance" publication on Scottish genealogy research covers five major areas dealing with Scotland and emigration. The first section covers Scottish emigration and passenger lists. Section Two covers Scottish surnames and paleography (ancient handwriting). Section Three covers basic genealogical sources for Scotland such as old parish registers, post-1854 statutory registration of births, marriages, deaths, and censuses from 1841 to 1901. The last two sections of the research aid cover supplementary research sources and major online sources for Scottish genealogical information. This new ready reference for Scottish genealogy research will provide a handy tool for family-history researchers.



**Scottish Genealogy Research.** By David Dobson. (2010. Pp. 4. \$7.95.



### Lessons in Likeness: Portrait Painters in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley, 1802-1920.

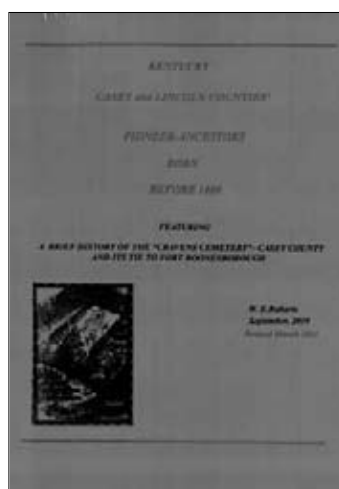
By Estill Curtis Pennington. (2010. Pp. 276. Cloth. \$50.00. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky. To purchase, order from Hopkins Fulfillment Service, P.O. Box 50370, Baltimore, MD 21211-4370; phone: 800-537-5487 or 410-516-6956; fax: 410-516-6998, or online at [www.kentuckypress.com](http://www.kentuckypress.com).)

For Kentuckians living before the middle of the nineteenth century, portraits were one of the only ways to portray and preserve an image of a person's physical appearance. Many museums, historic homes, and other sites contain these early portraits that were painted by portrait artists. Unfortunately, today many families have such portraits that represent their ancestors, but they understand little of what the portraits represent, how they came to be painted, and what a family-history treasure they represent for any family fortunate enough to own such an historical artifact of their ancestors.

Mr. Estill Curtis Pennington has written an excellent book, *Lessons in Likeness: Portrait Painters in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley, 1802-1920*, that will be very informative and useful in learning more about

early Kentucky portraiture and what these paintings can tell a family-history researcher today.

The book contains a large number of full-color pictures of the portraits discussed and the second half of the book discusses the portrait artists in Kentucky who made many of the paintings that are shown. The book contains an extensive bibliography on the subject of portrait art.



### Pioneer Ancestors Born Before 1800: Casey and Lincoln Counties, Kentucky.

By W. E. Rubarts. (2010. Paper. Self-published. Copy donated to the Martin F. Schmidt Research Library, Kentucky Historical Society.)

Mr. W. E. Rubarts has researched and written a local history and genealogical study touching on Casey and Lincoln counties, Kentucky. The author self-published his work and donated copies of the finished study to the public libraries in those counties and to the Kentucky Historical Society Research Library.

The study focuses on the Cravens Cemetery and its tie to Boonesborough where some of Mr. Rubarts' ancestors are buried,

and then he expanded his research project to search for people who were born before 1800 and buried in cemeteries in both Casey and Lincoln counties. The results of his cemetery-by-cemetery search and the associated maps and statistical tables he uses to explain his research provide a very interesting and well-illustrated volume for anyone interested in the early movement of settlers into this section of pioneer-era Kentucky.



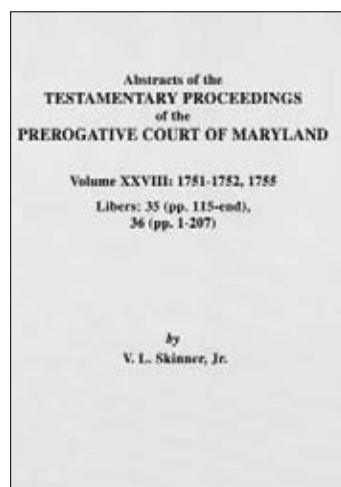
### Tales from Kentucky One-Room School Teachers.

By William Lynwood Montell. (2011. Pp. 293. Cloth. \$24.95. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky. To purchase, order from Hopkins Fulfillment Service, P.O. Box 50370, Baltimore, MD 21211-4370; phone: 800-537-5487 or 410-516-6956; fax: 410-516-6998, or online at [www.kentuckypress.com](http://www.kentuckypress.com).)

For many of us, one-room schools were something our parents or grandparents experienced, but we have only heard about. One-room schools depended on "teachers to be principals, educators, and even janitors, all wrapped into one." For many who read this book, a window

will finally open on the one-room school experience and what it meant for those who taught in that environment or who learned inside the walls of the small schoolhouses across Kentucky. Lynwood Montell, emeritus professor of folk studies at Western Kentucky University, has compiled the newest in his series of "Tales From" books on the recollections of Kentucky one-room school teachers. The twelve chapters cover the broad range of topics any reader might want to know more about including teaching methods, disciplining students, getting to and from school, and teacher relations with the local community.

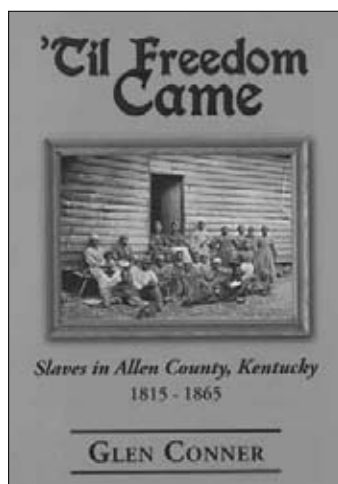
*Tales from One-Room School Teachers* concludes with extensive biographies of all the contributors and an index that organizes the stories by county.



**Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. Volume XXVIII: 1751-52, 1755.** By V. L. Skinner Jr. (2011. Pp. 302. Paper. \$29.50. Baltimore: Clearfield Company by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-

1953, or from the Internet at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)).

This book is the newest release in a continuing series by V. L. Skinner Jr. that provides abstracts of the testamentary proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. The Prerogative Court of Maryland dealt with probate matters and the documents filed with the court included administration bonds, wills, inventories, administration accounts, and final balances. This court was also where the resolution of disputes over the settlement and distribution of an estate were handled. This volume and those published before it can be a helpful research guide for probate matters and all the associated files and depositions related to the settlement of an estate. The volume concludes with a comprehensive complete-name index for every person mentioned in the proceedings.



**'Til Freedom Came: Slaves in Allen County, Kentucky, 1815-1865.** By Glen Conner. (2010. Pp. 288. Indexed with bibliography and footnotes. To order, contact Acclaim Press, P.O.

Box 238, Morley, MO 63767, e-mail: [customerservice@acclaimpress.com](mailto:customerservice@acclaimpress.com), or phone (573) 472-9800, ext. 11 or toll free: (877) 427-2665.)

Local historian Glen Conner has brought together a wealth of historical narrative and data that provides an excellent examination of slavery in Allen County, Kentucky, from 1815 to 1865. This book is the most extensive and detailed history ever published on slavery in a single Kentucky county.

The author provides a description of slavery in each decade from 1820 to 1860 and the remaining chapters cover freedmen, patrollers, and both birth and death statistics for slaves in the county. A comprehensive bibliography, and over one hundred charts and figures thoroughly illustrate the demographics of Allen County slaves.





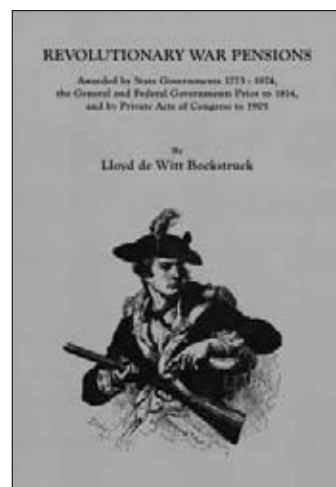
**Genealogy at a Glance: Ellis Island Research.** By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG. (2011. Pp. 4. Laminated. \$7.95. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953, or from the Internet at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)).

Genealogist Sharon DeBartolo Carmack has written a new brochure in the Genealogical Publishing Company's "Genealogy at a Glance" reference series that covers Ellis Island research. The author discusses the history of Ellis Island and its most noted role as an immigration center into the United States. She covers a number of different resources such as the Ellis Island database and the New York passenger lists. She also provides some very useful hints on why you might not find your ancestor in the Ellis Island records. The brochure concludes with an explanation of the "Record of Detained Aliens" and the "Board of Special Inquiry", both archives which might contain useful genealogical information on your emigrant ancestors. Several Internet websites are also described for online Ellis Island research information.



**Martin County, Kentucky Veterans.** By Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society. (2011. Pp. 200. \$59.95. \$10.00 shipping and handling per book, and Kentucky residents add \$3.60 for state tax. Send orders and checks to: Martin County, Ky. Veterans History Book, c/o Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 501, Inez, KY 41224)

This new publication by the Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society is a compilation of photographs and biographical information about military veterans of Martin County, Kentucky, from the Revolutionary War through the Gulf wars. The book begins with a listing of the veterans listed on the Martin County war memorial. The majority of the book consists of capsule biographies ranging in size from a few lines detailing the veteran's vital statistics and military service record to several biographies that run up to a page. There is also a listing at the end of the page of Martin County veterans for whom no other information was available. The book is well-illustrated and contains a complete index.

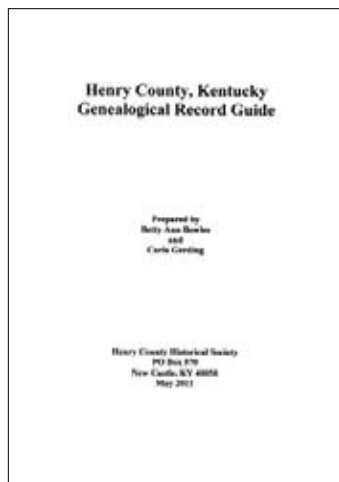


**Revolutionary War Pensions: Awarded by State Governments 1773-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905.** (2011. Pp. 1066. \$89.50. Paper. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953, or from the Internet at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com)).

Genealogical researcher Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck's new book, *Revolutionary War Pensions*, is an excellent resource about those who served during the Revolutionary War and were given a pension for their service. The introduction provides an excellent bibliographic essay on the various published records that were consulted in the compiling of this new Revolutionary War reference work, and breaks down specific sources for the various states. The Revolutionary War pensioners are listed alphabetically with as much military and personal information as the author was able to find in various sources.

The book concludes with a complete-name index. One appendix lists "Pennsylvania Pensioners with Unidentified War Service." The Pennsylvania laws

granting pensions did not always specify whether they were granted for the Revolutionary War or subsequent military conflicts, but the author decided to include that list of names.



**Henry County, Kentucky Genealogical Record Guide.** Prepared by Betty Ann Bowles and Carla Gerding. (2011. Pp. 25. Paper. Donated to the Kentucky Historical Society Martin F. Schmidt Research Library.)

Genealogists Betty Ann Bowles and Carla Gerding have prepared a very helpful guide for anyone wishing to research Henry County, Kentucky, records. The three research locations inventoried were the Henry County clerk's office and the Henry County History Center, both located in New Castle, Kentucky, and the Henry County Public Library in Eminence. All of the records available in the three archives are identified by the type of record, the years covered, whether the records are in book or microfilm format, and any other information that might be useful. A comparative chart provides a

graphic comparison of all three repositories and the records located in each one.

In addition to the description of the records available for research in Henry County, this book also includes a chart that shows the history of Henry County, Kentucky from its earliest origin in November 1720 as a part of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, to the present-day Henry County created by the Kentucky legislature in December 1798. *The Henry County, Kentucky Genealogical Record Guide* will be a useful guide to the historical and genealogical records of Henry County and it will be an excellent model for other Kentucky counties to use in outlining the records available in their own local archives.

#### **French-Canadian Genealogy Research.**

By Denise R. Larson. (2010. Pp. 4. \$7.95. Baltimore: Clearfield Company by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953, or from the Internet at [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com))

Denise R. Larson has written a new publication in the "Genealogy at a Glance" series on French-Canadian genealogy research. The material included in this laminated bifold publication contains basic information about French Canada and a large section on "unlocking French-Canadian family history." This material deals at length with a variety of subjects such as surnames, Quebec, Acadia, and the Huguenots. The next sections discuss civil and church

records, censuses, emigration, and naturalization. The final two parts of this handy reference list major research repositories in Canada and other significant online resources for French-Canadian genealogical research.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### From *The Lexington Press*, Lexington, Kentucky

7 January 1882, p. 2

#### LEXINGTON ORPHAN SOCIETY

Report of the Secretary, from November 1st to January 1st, 1881

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. E. B. Woodward, First Directress.  
Mrs. Dr. H. Skillman, Second Directress.  
Mrs. E. Sayre, Treasurer.  
Mrs. S. B. Cronly, Secretary.  
Mrs. Fred Wiegand, Matron  
Twenty-four Managers

There are 18 children in the Asylum—8 boys and 10 girls. Four have been admitted, six bound out, and two transferred.

We feel grateful to a good Providence for many mercies, and in being able to present a more favorable report than for the previous year, having had three successive Matrons during that time. We secured in December, 1880, a most efficient Matron and her husband. The management of the family evinces great frugality, industry, neatness, and happiness. We will mention that a rule exists requiring a committee of two managers to visit, in turn, the Asylum several times a week—once during meal hour. The result of the visits is recorded in a "Visiting Committee Book" which is passed to the succeeding committee, thus

affording a thorough knowledge of the condition and government of the household.

The health of the inmates has been remarkably good. The Board meetings have been well attended. The managers have rejoined in the presentation of two costly and valuable gifts to the institution—a parlor organ from Mrs. J. C. Stallcup, and a stove range, complete, from Mr. M. G. Thompson. These beneficent donations brought forth many expressions of grateful appreciation.

On Thanksgiving Day quite a number of friends remembered to cheer the orphans by various contributions, to whom all thanks are due, but the many appeared to forget the occasion. Christmas day, too, was observed by a partial number of faithful friends. The managers desire to offer publicly their earnest thanks to the PRESS for their long continued, willing favors in publishing without charge all matter in the interests of the Orphan Society, also to Mr. Milton for his very kind attention in giving religious instructions to the children every Sunday afternoon.

Those persons who have shown kindnesses and not received acknowledgment, we beg will pardon the omission and now accept warmest thanks.

S. B. CRONLY, Secretary  
January 2, 1882



## **8 January 1882, p. 1**

### **United**

Mr. Frank Dudley, son of President R. M. Dudley of Georgetown College, returned to that city on Friday, with his bride, nee Miss Annie E. Davis, formerly of Missouri. They eloped from Georgetown and were married in Aberdeen.

## **8 January, p. 1**

### **Grand Ball**

On Tuesday evening next the Social Skating Club will give a grand ball at their club room in City Hall. The invitations are the handsomest to be had, and fully in keeping with the extensive preparations that have been going on for the past week. The floor has been thoroughly holy-stoned and covered with new canvass, the entire hall decorated in an artistic style, and gas and cedar mottoes erected upon the walls. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. From the names of officers below it will be recognized as a "swell affair":

Annie W. Clay, President.

R. D. Williams, Vice President.

A. G. Morgan, Secretary.

Floor Committee – Annie B. Mitchell, Laura A. Davidson, Mrs. Thos. Martin, Mrs. Hamilton Scott, W. S. M'Chesney, Jr., Thomas Hughes, George Williams.

Committee of Invitation – Hamilton Scott, Roger D. Williams, J. Curry M'Chesney, James Robinson, Jr.

Committee of Arrangements – Minnie L. Sayre, Katharine D. Shropshire, Rosa V. Johnson, Mamie W. Warfield.

## **16 January 1882, p. 4**

### **Died.**

Mr. Gus King, a farmer and carpenter, living near Pine Grove, died at his home on Sunday night, aged twenty-five years. He was a young man of high character for integrity and industry. He leaves a widow and two children.

### **Matrimonial Revival**

Mr. J. W. Rash and Miss Ida McDonald, of Clark, will be married this morning at the residence of Squire McDonald. The couple and party will at once repair

to the Baptist Church at Winchester to witness the wedding of Mr. Frank McDonald and Miss Sue Rash.

## **11 January 1882, p. 2**

### **Funeral**

The funeral of Clark Tillett will take place this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Capt. P. C. Kidd, on North Broadway. Services by Dr. W. M. Pratt. Friends of the deceased and of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

## **13 January 1882, p. 4**

### **Funeral**

Mr. Elkin Berry died at his father's residence, on the Armstrong Mill Road, in this county, on Wednesday night, of typhoid fever. He was nearly twenty-one years of age, and was a young man of excellent qualities. The funeral takes place today at 10:30 o'clock a.m., from the family residence.

### **Our Oldest Inhabitants**

With the assistance of Mr. Geo. W. Norton, we find from M'Cabe's Lexington Directory of 1838 that the following persons are all that remain of those given in the directory, and now living in Lexington:

Bell, Henry, dry goods merchant, 19 West Main Street  
Bell, Dr. D. D.

Bell, W. E., clerk at Kennard & Milton's

Bradley, Thomas, blacksmith and farrier

Buckner, R. A., attorney and counsellor, boards  
Phoenix

Butler, J. C., of Porter & Butler, hardware merchants

Chinn, J. G., physician and surgeon

Cochran, James, of Higgins, Cochran & Co.

Elliott, James, clerk at Chew's

Elliott, Smith, wheelwright

Frazer, Jerry, of Frazer & Soister, drapers and tailors

Gibson, Charles

Gratz, Benj.

Grinstead, J. A., clerk in Northern Bank

Hale, G. B., of Hunter, Hale & Harper

Hamilton, Robert, rope and bagging

Hannah, James, at Crutchfield's

Hostetter, Jacob, butcher

Johnson, M. C., attorney and counsellor at law  
 Keizer, Benj., bank messenger  
 McMurtry, John, architext  
 Milward, Joseph, cabinet maker  
 Mulligan, Dennis, surveyor  
 Newberry, W. H., coach-spring and iron rail maker  
 Norton, Geo. W., druggist  
 Orear, Thos. C., of Orear & Beckley, dry goods  
 Peter, Robert, chemist  
 Swift, Stephen, grocer  
 Swift, William, manufacturer  
 Warner, J. D., pump maker  
 Young, L P.  
 Zimmerman, J. F., printer  
 Wilson, Jno. S., of Grant & Wilson, druggists

## Died

Wm. Monahan, who kept a grocery store on the corner of Second and Mulberry Streets for many years, and retired from business about four years since, having purchased a farm in the county with the savings of a long life of frugality, died at his home on Wednesday, after a short illness. The funeral will take place at St. Paul's Church at 9 o'clock this morning.

# 1908

## From *The Semi-Weekly Hustler*, Madisonville, Kentucky

**3 January 1908, p. 8**

### Hunt-Jackson

The elopement of Miss Edna Jackson, of Earlington, and Mr. Hayden Hunt, of Sturgis, came as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple. No one knew of their intentions until they boarded a train at Earlington Monday and confided to a few friends that they were enroute to Shawneetown, Ill., where the ceremony would be performed. Miss Jackson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson and is one of the most popular young ladies of Earlington. She is a beautiful and attractive young woman. Mr. Hunt is a popular young man of Sturgis and is one of the most deserving men of that place. They will probably make their home in Sturgis.

### Boyd-Moore

Miss Eva Boyd and Mr. Thomas Moore, both of Earlington, were united in marriage at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Vincent, of this city, by Rev. Litchfield Wednesday afternoon. The newly married couple were chivariated at Earlington and this explains the cause of the reports of firearms in that city

Wednesday night. Miss Boyd is the daughter of Mrs. Malissa Boyd and is a popular and attractive young lady. Mr. Moore is a well known young insurance man of that place.

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### Aged Woman Dies

Mrs. Com Hampton, widow of the late Wilse Hampton, died at her residence near Earlington, Saturday morning at 4:00 o'clock. She was an aged lady and her death was caused by an attack of heart disease.

### Aged Lady Dead

Mrs. Woodruff, aged 62 years, died near this city Thursday afternoon of a complication of diseases. She had been ill since Thanksgiving day, and from the time she became ill there was little hope for recovery. Burial occurred Monday at the Christian Privilege cemetery.

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### Mrs. Sarah Wilborn Plain Passes Away



Mrs. Plain was born March 21, 1840, near Earles, Muhlenberg county, and was almost 68 years of age when she passed away. She was married to Mr. Ben Plain Dec. 21, 1864, and of this union nine children resulted, four of whom are dead. Her husband died about 18 years ago. She moved to this city Oct. 12, 1892, after the death of her husband, which occurred April 20, 1891. Since then she has made her home in this city.

She is survived by the following children: Ben Plain, Misses Annie, Kate and Ruth Plain, of this city, and Mrs. E. E. Birken, of Harrisburg, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, of which faith she has been a member for fifty years. The remains will be laid to rest in Odd Fellows cemetery.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2011 “Second Saturday” KGS/KHS Family-History Workshop Schedule

**Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, 100 West Broadway, in Frankfort, Ky.**

**Each month, the workshop format will be:**

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.—Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS) Program

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Lunch (see below for details)

12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.—Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) Program

1:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—(optional) Research on your own in the KHS Library

1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—(optional) Ky. Technology in Genealogy Users Group (KTIG) Program (free.)

There is no charge to attend the family-history workshops, but registration by noon of the preceding Friday is required. An optional box lunch may be reserved **at the time of registration** for \$6.00 (payable at the door). To register or to get more information, call the KHS Library reference desk at 502-564-1792, ext. 4460, or email [refdesk@ky.gov](mailto:refdesk@ky.gov).

### 9 July 2011

#### **10:30 a.m. Genealogy Brick Walls Panel Discussion:**

Deborah Campisano, Roger Futrell, Valerie Edgeworth, and Betty Darnell

#### **12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion on Submitted Questions**

Tom Adkins

### 6 August 2011 (First Saturday)

#### **Kentucky Genealogical Society Annual Seminar**

### 10 September 2011

**10:30 a.m. Representatives from three libraries will discuss their genealogy and family-history collections**

**12:30 p.m. Question & Answer Session & Mentoring in the Library**

### 8 October 2011

#### **10:30 a.m. FamilySearch Workshop and Demonstration**

**12:30 p.m. New FamilySearch Projects and Question & Answer Session**

### 5 November 2011

**10:30 a.m. Early Military Records Through the Civil War/**  
Brandon Slone

**12:30 p.m. Later Military Records/Brandon Slone**

### 10 December 2011

**10:30 a.m. Digging Deeper for The Gold: Genealogy 201/**  
Deborah Lord Campisano

**12:30 p.m. Genealogy 201 (cont.)**

## Kentucky Hall of Governors Re-Opened on Boone Day, 4 June 2011

This year, Boone Day, an annual membership recognition event at the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS), featured the opening of a new Hall of Governors exhibition. Re-opening the Toyota Kentucky Hall of Governors on Boone Day closely mirrored both the beginning of the Boone Day tradition and the existence of the exhibition itself. A passage from “A History of the Kentucky Historical Society,” in Vol. 101, No. 1, 2 of the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* states:

On June 7, 1897, Gov. William O. Bradley presided over the first annual meeting that reestablished KHS after it was nearly abolished in 1889. Gov. Bradley requested that the Society’s portraits of Governors Letcher, Metcalfe, Scott, Powell and Blackburn be assembled for display. This would be the precursor to today’s Hall of Governors. Later, this annual June meeting would become known as Boone Day.

Kentucky governors’ portraits are commissioned during each governor’s term, and the portraits are hung when the governor leaves office. However, space is limited in the existing exhibit and its current

configuration does not allow for the addition of more portraits.

The previous exhibition allowed visitors to view the portraits and read a brief selection of biographical information about each governor. The renovated exhibition, however, adds more information, along with displays of selected artifacts from the KHS collections.

“We want to encourage the inquisitive nature of history by presenting a variety of materials to spark our guests’ interest,” said Alvey. “One of our main audiences is school children, and not many of those guests realize the changes that have occurred within the executive branch of our state government, and the types of people who have held the office. We are adding artifacts, oral histories and a timeline to supplement the portraits, which will help our guests discover a deeper story of Kentucky’s governors.”

Trevor Jones, KHS director of museum collections and exhibitions, said KHS has a number of items owned by governors in the collections. “But we expect the exhibition will also include pieces that have a broader connection to Kentucky history—such as campaign materials and ballots, which illustrate the political process.”

## “Kentucky in the Civil War” and “Researching One’s Civil War Ancestors”

Come hear noted Civil War researcher and author, Joe Reinhart, describe the social and political climate of Kentucky during the Civil War followed by a discussion of how to trace your Civil War ancestors.

**Date:** Saturday, 13 August 2011,  
9:30 a.m -12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Centennial Room, Louisville Free  
Public Library, Louisville, Kentucky

For more information, call 502-574-1611.

## Clearing Your Genealogical Hurdles



### **36th Annual Seminar Kentucky Genealogical Society**

**Featuring internationally acclaimed researcher, historian, and author, Elizabeth Shown Mills**

8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 6 August 2011  
Asbury Hall, First United Methodist Church  
211 Washington Street, Frankfort, Ky.

Seating is limited. Register early!  
Download Seminar and Registration Details:  
<http://kygs.org/meetings/sem2011.pdf>  
Send Inquiries: [kykinsearcher@gmail.com](mailto:kykinsearcher@gmail.com)

### **Annual Kentucky Genealogical Society Seminar**

The Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS) brings internationally acclaimed researcher, historian, and author, Elizabeth Shown Mills, to the Bluegrass State for the 36th annual KGS seminar, “Clearing Your Genealogical Hurdles,” 6 August, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, 211 Washington St. in downtown Frankfort.

Mills, best known for authoring two “essential references” in genealogy research and documentation, plans to offer four one-hour sessions:

- Genealogical Problem Solving
- In a Rut? Seven Ways to Jump-Start Your Research
- Finding Origins and Birth Families
- How to Build a Case When No Record States the Answer

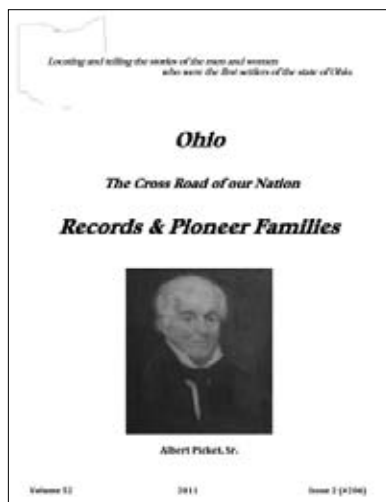
Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. for sign-in and vendor browsing. The seminar will begin at 8:45 and end at 4:00 p.m. The registration fee for KGS members is \$40. For others, the fee is \$50 for registrations postmarked by July 10 and \$60 after that date. Lunch is included in all registrations. Seating is limited, and registrations will be honored in the order received.

Seminar information and a registration form are available for download at <http://kygs.org/meetings/sem2011.pdf>. Send inquiries by e-mail to [kykinsearcher@gmail.com](mailto:kykinsearcher@gmail.com) or by postal mail to KGS, P.O. Box 153, Frankfort, KY 40602.

Seminar cosponsors include Downtown Frankfort Inc., Frankfort-Franklin County Tourism Commission, and Frankfort–Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.



## New Editor of *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* Solicits Submissions



The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) publishes *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families* quarterly, a publication that deals with subjects concerning pre-Civil War Ohio families and research collections. The new editor, Laurel Sheppard, is seeking contributions from anyone who has material pertaining to those topics. If you have questions or want to propose an article, email the editor at [orpf@ogs.org](mailto:orpf@ogs.org).

## Kentucky-related Genealogy Materials

If you know of research materials, published or unpublished, outside Kentucky that contain genealogical material that would be helpful to *Kentucky Ancestors* readers, please let me know. We are always looking for materials that will be of use to our readers in their own family history and genealogy research. Please send a description of the publication or the research collection, where it can be found, and a point of contact for anyone who might want to learn more and use the material in doing research. You can send any information to me at: [don.rightmyer@ky.gov](mailto:don.rightmyer@ky.gov) or call me at 502-564-1792, ext. 4435.



**The African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky**  
*Researching, Remembering . . . Telling “our” Story*

## **New Genealogy Group Makes Bluegrass History**

The African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky (AAGGKY) is the first of its kind in the commonwealth. Organized in January 2011, the group focuses on aspects of genealogical research unique to the African American community. Through seminars, round table discussions, and electronic media, the AAGGKY provides a venue for researchers, historians, and reunion organizers to share their strategies and their findings. Membership is inclusive and open to anyone interested in researching, preserving, and sharing the stories of Kentucky’s African American generations. The group does not seek to replace or duplicate other genealogical associations, but rather to fill the void created where the histories of black Kentuckians have been omitted or inadequately researched and recorded.

Sharyn Mitchell, the African American Genealogy Group president said, “Over the years, several individuals have discussed the need for an organization to promote Black genealogy, for a forum

to share their research and document their findings. Our stories are often hidden in un-indexed volumes, stored forgotten on dusty shelves and omitted from the traditional history books of our country. With every passing minute we are losing our histories to death, memory loss, and record destruction. Our group, the African American Genealogy Group, is attempting to minimize this loss . . . to save our history and pass it on.”

Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday. To maximize involvement, the meetings are being held in varying sites in central Kentucky. For detailed information on future sites, topics, and membership, contact:

African American Genealogy  
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January – Put our heads together to “Just Do It”  
– AAGGKY formed

February – “Saving our History” – Stonetown Haven  
Preservation – Shirl Marks

March – “Jammie Genealogy” exploring genealogy  
websites – Johnna Waldon

April – “Saving our Cemeteries” – Ann Johnson

May – “Opening the Books” – KHC Technical  
Services & Library holdings – Pam Reaves

June – “Juneteenth, U.S. Colored Troops &  
Camp Nelson” – Brandon Slone

July – African American Genealogy Workshop 101

Upcoming: Kentucky’s Black Pioneers, History thru  
Obituaries & Funeral Home records, Senior Oral  
Histories, Black Native Americans, Pullman Porters  
and the ideas keep coming.

#### **AAGGKY Officers**

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Mary E. Smith – Treasurer – msmith628@yahoo.com

## **Mark Your Calendars – National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family-History Conference, 9-12 May 2012, Cincinnati, Ohio**

### **Theme: The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier**

The four-day National Genealogical Society conference will include more than fifty national speakers providing more than 150 lectures including ethnic research, African American research, research in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, migration to and out of the tri-state area, immigration, methodology, military, family-history writing, ethnic workshops, technological innovation in genealogy (GenTech), Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) Skillbuilding track, and much more. For additional information, please visit [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)





# Kentucky Historical Society Library Monograph Collection of County Histories: Logan through Menifee

## LOGAN

Title: *History of Lewisburg and North Logan County, Kentucky*  
Author: Spurlock, John H., and Sue W. Spurlock, eds.  
Published: 1999  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831h

Title: *History of Russellville and Logan County, Kentucky, Which is to Some Extent a History of Western Kentucky*  
Author: Finley, Alex C.  
Published: 1879  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831f

Title: *Logan County, Kentucky Confederate Volunteers & Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*  
Author: Logan County Historical Society  
Published: 1995  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831con

Title: *Logan County, Kentucky: A Pictorial History*  
Author: Coffman Jr., Edward F., photo-editor, Judy Lyne  
Published: 1988  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831cof

Title: *Men Whom I Remember: Articles from Russellville, Ky. Newspapers, Logan County, Kentucky*  
Author: Blakey, George D.  
Published: 1982  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831b

Title: *The Story of Logan County*  
Author: Coffman, Edward  
Published: 1962  
KHS Call: 976.902 L831co

## LYON

Title: *Eddyville Was Settled One Hundred Years Ago*  
Author: Prince, Tom  
Published: 1994  
KHS Call: 976.902 L991pr

Title: *Espie Articles on Lyon County: Direct Copies of Articles that Appeared in the Lyon County Herald*  
Author: Espie, John C.  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 L991e

Title: *In Lyon County, Saturday Was Town Day: A Collection of Writings from Lyon County's Historian*  
Author: Walker, Odell  
Published: 2002  
KHS Call: 976.902 L991w2

Title: *James R. Glass and Others: Biography*  
Author: Glass, James R.  
Published: 1989  
KHS Call: 929 G549g

Title: *Lyon County, Kentucky History and Biographies*  
Author: Collins, Lewis, William Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 L991Ly2

Title: *Miscellaneous Information on Lyon County, Kentucky*

Author: Prince, Thomas E., compiler

Published: 1992

KHS Call: 976.902 L991mi

Title: *Tale of Two Cities: A History of Kuttawa-Eddyville and Lyon County, Kentucky: Including Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Citizens*

Author: Martin, W. W. and E. F. McNeill.

Published: 1989

KHS Call: 976.902 L991ma

Title: *Profiles of the Past*

Author: Walker, Odell

Published: 1994

KHS Call: 976.902 L991w

### **MADISON**

Title: *Glimpse at Historic Madison County and Richmond, Kentucky*

Author: Dorris, Jonathan T.

Published: 1934

KHS Call: 976.902 M182d2

Title: *Madison County: 200 Years in Retrospect*

Author: Ellis, William E., H. E. Everman, and Richard D. Sears

Published: 1985

KHS Call: 976.902 M182el

Title: *Madison County Rediscovered: Selected Historic Architecture*

Author: Kubiak, Lavinia H.

Published: 1988

KHS Call: 976.902 M182k

Title: *Old Cane Springs: A Story of the War Between the States in Madison County, Kentucky; Revised and Supplemented by Jonathan Truman Dorris from the Original by John Cabell Chenault. Introduction by Ivan E. McDougle*

Author: Chenault, John C.

Published: 1936

KHS Call: 976.902 M182c

Title: *Place Names of Madison County, Kentucky*

Author: Boonesborough Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

Published: 1940

KHS Call: 976.902 M182da

Title: *Reflections in the Wind: Reliving a Memorable Era in Northern Madison County*

Author: Jones, Gypsie Lee Cosby

Published: 1995

KHS Call: 976.902 M182j

Title: *This is Boone Country*

Author: Todd, Richard I.

Published: 1968

KHS Call: 976.902 M182t

Title: *When the Ripe Pears Fell: The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky*

Author: Lambert, D. Warren

Published: 1995

KHS Call: 973.732

### **MAGOFFIN**

Title: *Magoffin County, Kentucky Historic Sites*

Author: Magoffin County Historical Society

Published: 1995

KHS Call: 976.902 M182el

Title: *Legends in Blue and Gray: Civil War Soldiers of Magoffin County, Kentucky*

Author: Magoffin County Historical Society

Published: 1998

KHS Call: 976.902 M211c

### **MARION**

Title: *Catholic Pioneers at the Rolling Fork Settlement, Washington County, Kentucky: (Now Holy Name of Mary Parish, Calvary, Marion County, Kentucky)*

Author: Thompson, Gerald

Published: 1977

KHS Call: 976.902 M341th

Title: *Gravel Switch, Kentucky: Community History*  
Author: Gravel Switch Community History Committee

Published: 2005

KHS Call: 976.902 M341g

Title: *History of Marion County, Kentucky*

Author: Marion County Historical Society

Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M341 hi V. 1

Title: *Lebanon As I Have Known It*  
Author: Johnson, C. A.  
Published: ?  
KHS Call: 976.902 M341jo

### **MARSHALL**

Title: *History of Marshall County, Kentucky, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches*  
Author: Marshall County Historical Society  
Published: 1984  
KHS Call: 976.902 M367h

Title: *History of Marshall County, Kentucky.*  
Authors: Freeman, Leon L. and Edward C. Olds  
Published: 1933  
KHS Call: 976.902 M367f3

Title: *Lemon's Hand Book of Marshall County: Giving Its History, Advantages, Etc., and Biographical Sketches of Its Prominent Citizens, Benton, Ky., 1894*  
Author: Lemon, James R.  
Published: 1971  
KHS Call: 976.902 M367L

Title: *Marshall County*  
Authors: Huddleston, Connie M., Carol Aldredge, and Virginia Smith  
Published: 2002  
KHS Call: 976.902 L786t

Title: *Marshall County, Kentucky History and Biographies*  
Authors: Collins, Lewis, William Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 M367mar4u

Title: *Record of Marshall County in the World War, A Complete Record of All Who Served in the United States Army and Navy, Compiled from Official Records*  
Author: *Tribune-Democrat*, Benton, Ky.  
Published: 1932  
KHS Call: 976.902 M367r Pamphlet

Title: *Rivertown Memories: Growing Up in Smithland, Ky. During the 1930s and 40s*

Author: Martin, Melvin  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 L786ma

### **MARTIN**

Title: *Pictorial History of Martin County, Kentucky*  
Author: Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M379p

### **MASON**

Title: *Address of Charles Kerr: Delivered at Washington, Mason County, Kentucky on June 5, 1936 on the Occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of the Founding of the Town of Washington*  
Author: Kerr, Charles  
Published: 1936  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398k Pamphlet

Title: *Along the Maysville Road: The Early American Republic in the Trans-Appalachian West*  
Author: Friend, Craig T.  
Published: 2005  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398f

Title: *From Cabin to College: A History of the Schools of Mason County, Kentucky*  
Author: American Association of University Women, Maysville, Ky. Branch  
Published: 1976  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398a

Title: *Historic Past of Washington, Mason County, Kentucky*  
Author: Best, Edna H.  
Published: 1944  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398b2

Title: *Historic Past of Washington, Mason County, Kentucky*  
Author: Best, Edna H.  
Published: 1944  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398b2

Title: *Historical Sketch of Mason County, Kentucky*  
Author: Lee, Lucy C.  
Published: 1928  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398L



Title: *History of Maysville and Mason County, Ky.*  
Author: Clift, G. Glenn  
Published: 1936  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398c

Title: *It Happened First in Washington and Mason County, Kentucky: Honoring the Dedication of the Birthplace of General Albert Sidney Johnston in Washington, Kentucky; and a Historical Pageant*  
Author: Best, Edna H.  
Published: 1955  
KHS Call: 976.902 A191 No. 9

Title: *Slavery in Mason County, Kentucky: A Century of Records, 1788-1888*  
Author: Miller, Caroline R., compiler  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M398mi

#### **MCCRACKEN COUNTY**

Title: *Abstracts of Pensions, Soldiers of the Revolution, War of 1812, and Indian Wars Who Settled on the Kentucky Side of the Ohio River*  
Author: Broglin, Jana S., editor  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132br

Title: *Architecture of Paducah and McCracken County*  
Author: Wells, Camille  
Published: 1981  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132w

Title: *History and Families, McCracken County, Kentucky, 1824-1989*  
Author: McCracken County  
Genealogical-Historical Society  
Published: 1989  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132hi

Title: *Jackson Purchase*  
Author: Hatcher, Danny R.  
Published: 1969  
KHS Call: 976.902 C163ha

Title: *McCracken County, Kentucky History*  
Author: McCracken County  
Genealogical-Historical Society  
Published: 1989  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132hi

Title: *McCracken County, Kentucky History and Biographies*  
Author: Collins, Lewis  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132m2

**Note:** Information taken from: *History of Kentucky* by Lewis Collins-1882 and *Kentucky: A History of the State* by W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin-1885.

Title: *McCracken County, Ky., Newspaper Abstracts*  
Author: Simmons, Don and Laura Willis  
Published: 1996  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132sim1

Title: *McCracken County, Kentucky, Newspaper Abstracts*  
Author: Birchfield, Steven A.  
Published: 1994  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132bir1

Title: *My Paducah: From the Early Years to the Present*  
Author: White, Barron  
Published: 2002  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132wh2

Title: *Paducah: Frontier to the Atomic Age*  
Author: Robertson, John E. L.  
Published: 2002  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132ro

Title: *Paducah, Kentucky: A Center of Culture and Commerce*  
Author: Gardner, Bruce  
Published: 2004  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132pad

Title: *The Story of Paducah, Kentucky*  
Author: Neuman, Fred G.  
Published: 1979  
KHS Call: 976.902 M132ne 1979

#### **MCCREARY COUNTY**

Title: *First Oil Well in Kentucky; Notes on the History, Geology, Production, and Present Status of the Beatty Oil Well, Drilled in Wayne, Now McCreary County, Kentucky, in the year 1818*  
Author: Jillson, Willard R.

Published: 1952  
KHS Call: 557.69 J615 Pamphlet

Title: *History of Bethel Baptist Church, McCreary County, Kentucky, 1870-1996*  
Author: Bethel Baptist Church History Committee  
Published: 1996  
KHS Call: 976.902 M133h

Title: *Lost Heritage for a Changing People: History of McCreary County, Kentucky*  
Author: Stephens, Robert E.  
Published: 2002  
KHS Call: 976.902 M133s2

Title: *McCreary County, Kentucky, History and Families*  
Author: Collins, Lewis  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 M133mc

**Note:** Information taken from: *History of Kentucky* by Lewis Collins-1882 and *Kentucky: A History of the State* by W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin-1885.

Title: *Title: McCreary Conquest: A Narrative History*  
Author: Perry, L. E.  
Published: 1979  
KHS Call: 976.902 M133

#### **MCLEAN COUNTY**

Title: *"Down Memory Lane" in Sacramento, Kentucky*  
Author: Johnston, Janey and Julia Devine  
Published: 1999  
KHS Call: 976.902 M163do

Title: *Heroes of McLean County, Kentucky, 1941-1945, World War II*  
Author: Lacefield, William B.  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M163L

Title: *"Lest We Forget": Livermore, Ky., 140th Anniversary*  
Author: Bennett, Edith L.  
Published: 1977  
KHS Call: 976.902 M163b

Title: *Our Own: U.S.A., C.S.A., McLean County, Kentucky*  
Author: Bennett, Edith L. and Eldon Ray Eaton  
Published: 1995  
KHS Call: 976.902 M163be

Title: *McLean County, Kentucky History and Biographies*  
Author: Collins, Lewis  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 M163mc2

**Note:** Information taken from: *History of Kentucky* by Lewis Collins-1882 and *Kentucky: A History of the State* by W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin-1885.

#### **MEADE COUNTY**

Title: *Early Times in Meade County, Kentucky*  
Author: Ridenour, George L.  
Published: 1929  
KHS Call: 976.902 M481r 1929

Title: *Meade County, Kentucky, History and Biographies*  
Author: Collins, Lewis  
Published: 2000  
KHS Call: 976.902 M481me

**Note:** Information taken from: *History of Kentucky* by Lewis Collins-1882 and *Kentucky: A History of the State* by W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle, and G. C. Kniffin-1885.

Title: *Meade County, Kentucky Newspaper Abstracts, July 1856-December 1905*  
Author: Wimp, Carolyn, indexes by Judy Nacke  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M481w

Title: *Meade County, Kentucky, Newspaper Abstracts, 1906-1908*  
Author: Wimp, Carolyn, compiler  
Published: 2007  
KHS Call: 976.902 M481w 1906-1908

Title: *Meade County, Kentucky Pictorial History*  
Author: Blair, Judy  
Published: 2001  
KHS Call: 976.902 M481bl

## **MENIFEE COUNTY**

Title: *History of Meniffee County, Kentucky*

Author: Meniffee County History Book Committee

Published: 1986

KHS Call: 976.902 M545m

**Note:** Numerous additional materials including rare books, manuscripts, pamphlets, oral histories, and maps on the history of Logan, Lyon, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Marshall, Martin, Mason, McCracken, McCreary, McLean, Meade, and Meniffee counties, Kentucky, can be found in our Special Collections department. Additional library materials include serials and vertical file collections. Please consult the library staff for assistance.



# Kandie P. Adkinson Receives 2010 Anne Walker Fitzgerald Award

Kandie Prather Adkinson, a native of Mercer County and a current resident of Franklin County, Kentucky, is the recipient of the 2010 Anne Walker Fitzgerald Award for her articles, “Researching Tax Lists: 1841-1860” and “Researching Kentucky Tax Lists: Revenue Collection During the Civil War (1861-1865),” in *Kentucky Ancestors*. Her articles provide an important summary of Kentucky tax lists during the early-nineteenth-century and Civil War period and an excellent reference tool for researchers who want to learn more about the potential genealogical and historical information those documents can provide.

The Anne Walker Fitzgerald Award was established in 2008 to honor the first editor of *Kentucky Ancestors* when the Kentucky Historical Society genealogical quarterly began publication in 1965. Anne Walker Fitzgerald edited the publication for nineteen years until 1983.

Kandie Adkinson’s two articles published in 2010 build on a series of articles about Kentucky land records and tax lists that she has contributed to *Kentucky Ancestors* over the past four years. She has been presenting talks about Kentucky land records for over three decades and has continually presented at conferences on the local, state, regional, and national levels for her vast knowledge and expertise. Readers of *Kentucky Ancestors* have benefitted from her vast wealth of knowledge on the subject, and these articles will be available for many Kentucky

genealogy researchers who will seek to learn about the information that can be obtained through Kentucky land records and tax lists in the decades to come.

Adkinson will be presented with an engraved plaque honoring her as the Fitzgerald Award winner for 2010 and a cash award of \$1,000 made possible by the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation.

## Recipients of the Anne Walker Fitzgerald Award

**2009** – Chester C. Buchanan

**2010** – Kandie Prather Adkinson

## Kentucky Encyclopedias and the *Atlas of Kentucky*: Resources for Family-History Research

The 1992 bicentennial of the creation of Kentucky as a state was celebrated, in part, by the publication of the *Kentucky Encyclopedia*, edited by John E. Kleber, Thomas D. Clark, Lowell H. Harrison, and James C. Klotter. The *Kentucky Encyclopedia* is a compilation of over 2,000 entries that touch on nearly every aspect of the history, geography, and culture of Kentucky. A few years later, the *Kentucky Encyclopedia* was joined on the genealogical reference bookshelf by the publication of the *Encyclopedia of Louisville* (2001) and the *Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky* (2009). Both of these reference works are also comprehensive collections of entries that deal more specifically with the subjects of Louisville and northern Kentucky.

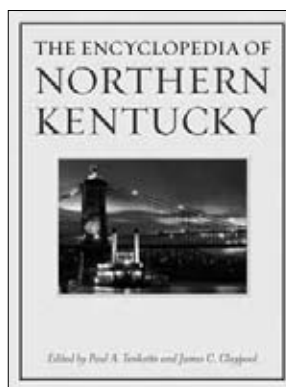
Each of these large references can be extremely helpful in providing a wealth of Kentucky family-history information about what your ancestors may have been doing and what they were experiencing during their time here in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The two-page map printed on the inside of the front cover of the *Kentucky Encyclopedia* shows the 120 counties of the state and the map inside the back cover clearly depicts Kentucky landmarks, pioneer trails, and waterways. The maps printed inside the front and back covers of the *Encyclopedia of Louisville* include a detailed map of Louisville in 2000 and a larger-scale map inside the back cover showing the Louisville metropolitan area. The *Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky* has a map that clearly shows the

counties within northern Kentucky in relation to the rest of the state, and a detailed map of the northern Kentucky region inside the back cover.

All three encyclopedias contain extensive bibliographies and comprehensive indexes that will assist the researcher in searching out the specific information being sought.

Another excellent Kentucky information resource is the *Atlas of Kentucky* (1998), edited by Richard Ulack, Karl Raitz, and Gyula Pauer. This publication provides a rich collection of color maps, charts, and detailed narrative that graphically portrays a tremendous amount of information about the history, geography, and lifestyle trends of those who lived in Kentucky during the history of the state. Chapters on the natural environment of Kentucky, the historical and cultural landscapes, and a chapter on population will all be helpful in better understanding the places where our ancestors lived and their life experiences.

There is also another Kentucky encyclopedia currently being worked on that is scheduled for publication in 2013—the *Kentucky African American Encyclopedia: Black Life and Culture in the Commonwealth*. This major reference on the topic of Kentucky African Americans is being edited by John A. Hardin, Karen Cotton McDaniel, and Gerald L. Smith. An extensive bibliography and information about the encyclopedia and the timeline for its



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completion can be found at:  
<http://www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/kaae/>.

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# John and Elizabeth Ann (Stevens) Duke Family Bible

Copied by Jerry Long<sup>1</sup> on 11 September 1995 from Bible in the possession of Mrs. Donald Gene (Mary Frances Duke), McKinzie (1920- ) of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. McKinzie is the daughter of Henry Crow Duke (1898-1957) and Jeanette Hawsie Stone, granddaughter of Orrin T. Duke (1856-1917) and Sarah Jane Acton, great-granddaughter of Thomas Duke (1807-1888) and Darcus Ann T. Addington, and great-great-granddaughter of John Duke (1773-1844) and Elizabeth Ann Stevens.

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John Duke and Elizabeth Ann Stevens were married Dec. 25, 1794<sup>2</sup>

W. V. Duke and Ida E. Acton was married May 22, 1884

Maulta A. Duke was born November 21, 1887 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>3</sup>

Evalena Duke was born Nov. 18, 1890 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>4</sup>

Arta E. Duke was born Dec. 13, 1891 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>5</sup>

William Evert Duke was born March 11, 1895 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>6</sup>

Walter F. Duke was born March 4, 1899 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>7</sup>

John Duke was born March 26th, 1773  
Elizabeth Ann Stevens was born August 18th, 1775

William Duke was born Oct. 14th, 1795 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>8</sup>

Richard Duke was born Dec. 4th, 1797 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>9</sup>

Deborah Duke was born May 24th, 1800 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>10</sup>

John Duke was born August 31st, 1802 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>11</sup>

Henry S. Duke was born Jan. 28th, 1805 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>12</sup>

Thomas Duke was born March 17th, 1807 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>13</sup>

Lydia Duke was born August 18th, 1809 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>14</sup>

Mary Duke was born Jan. 6th, 1812 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>15</sup>

Elizabeth Duke was born May 12th, 1815 [child of John and Elizabeth]<sup>16</sup>

John Enoch Duke, son of W. V. and Ida E. Duke, was born May 16, 1886, died September 7, 1886

Alta T. Duke was born July 13, 1906 [child of W. V. and Ida E.]<sup>17</sup>

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Departed this life April 7th, 1844 John Duke, Sr., age 71 years & 12 days

Dorcas Ann Duke, wife of Thomas Duke, died June 22, 1884 [on her gravestone her name appears as Darcus A. T. Duke]<sup>18</sup>

Mary E. Thomas, wife of William Thomas, died June 15, 1884 [child of Thos. and Darcus]<sup>19</sup>

Francis J. Black, wife of John W. Black, died July 23, 1884 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>20</sup>

Ernest O. Duke was born May 10, 1891 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>21</sup>

Thomas F. Duke & Ida Wright was married Oct 5, 1905

Thomas Duke & Elizabeth Taylor were married September 6th, 1832

Thomas Duke & Dorcas Ann T. Addington were married March 28th, 1837

Orrin T. Duke & Sarah J. Acton was married Jan. 13, 1881 ? Duke was born Sep. 10, 1881?

Thomas F. Duke was born Oct. 17, 1883 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>22</sup>

Virgil P. Duke was born December 6, 1885 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>23</sup>

Comma A. Duke was born Oct. 22, 1888 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>24</sup>

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Frances Jane Duke, daughter of Thos. & Dorcas Ann Duke, was born Feb. 1st, 1843

Eliza Caroline Duke, daughter of Thos. & Dorcas Ann Duke, was born January 25th, 1845

Emily Duke, daughter of Thos. & Dorcas Ann Duke, was born Feb. 16th, 1847

William Gabriel Boswell, son of William & Emily Boswell, was born Sept. 29, 1884

Richard T. Duke was born Feb. 17th, 1849 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>25</sup>

Katharine P. Duke was born March 23rd, A.D. 1851 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>26</sup>

William V. Duke was born Sept. 17th, A.D. 1853 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>27</sup>

Orrin T. Duke was born Feb. 4th, A.D. 1856 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>28</sup>

William Boswell and Emily Duke was married December 25, 1881

William Boswell, son of Caleb and Cintha Boswell, departed this life May 18, 1884

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Thomas Duke, son of John and Elizabeth Ann, was born March the 17th, 1807

Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of John & Elizabeth, was born May the 25th, 1810, departed this life April 18th, 1836

Dorcas Ann Tanquary Addington, daughter of Henry & Mary, was born January 22, 1820

Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Duke, was born July 27th, 1833

John Davis Taylor Duke, son of Thomas & Elizabeth, was born January the 17th, 1835

Sarah Ann, daughter of Dorcas Ann & T., was born March 14th, 1838

Henry Stevens, son of Thomas & Dorcas Ann, was born June the 2nd, 1839

Mary Ellyn, daughter of Thomas and Dorcas, was born March 31, 1841

Thelma T. Duke was born Oct. 25, 1906 [child of Thomas F. and Ida E.]<sup>29</sup>

Ernest O. Duke was born May the 10th, 1891 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>30</sup>

Cora M. Duke was born February the 14, 1893 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>31</sup>

Joseph Duke was born October the 1, 1896 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>32</sup>

Henry C. Duke was born August 1, 1898 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>33</sup>

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Sarah J. Duke was born Dec. 2, 1862 [wife of Orrin T. Duke]<sup>34</sup>

Ida E. Duke was born Oct. 31, 1885, died July 31, 1912 [wife of Thomas F. Duke]<sup>35</sup>

Comma A. Duke & Henry Edmondson were married Oct. 10, 1909

Virgil Duke died Sep. 26, 1914 [child of Orrin T. and Sarah J.]<sup>36</sup>

O. T. Duke died Oct. 29, 1917 [child of Thomas and Darcus]<sup>37</sup>

**Additional notes by Jerry Long:** John Duke (1773-1844) was a native of Maryland and was married there.<sup>38</sup> His wife, Elizabeth Ann Stevens, was the daughter of Richard Stevens (8 Oct 1734 – 14 Jun 1798) and

Lydia Garner (1740 – 7 Jun 1829). Her father died in Montgomery County, Md., and her mother in Ohio County, Ky.<sup>39</sup>

In the fall of 1800 John and Elizabeth Duke, and members of his wife's family, including her widowed mother and six of her siblings (five brothers and one sister), left their home in Maryland and journeyed to Kentucky. The party arrived at their new home in Ohio County, Ky. in the early months of 1801. John Duke built his home about seven miles east of Hartford near the site of where the Old Bethel Methodist Church was later located.<sup>40</sup> This church was established in 1804 and when two acres was purchased for the Bethel Meeting House on 30 April 1814 John Duke was one of five trustees representing the church.<sup>41</sup> John and Elizabeth Duke have gravestones in the church's cemetery. His gravestone gives the death date of 7 April 1844; the death on his wife's marker is difficult to decipher, January 1856 is evident but the exact day has been interpreted both as 21 or 24.<sup>42</sup>

William Duke, son of John and Elizabeth, died 3 May 1874 in Ohio County, where he was buried in the Milton Taylor Cemetery.<sup>43</sup> He married Matilda Stateler (26 March 1818 Ohio County, Ky.) and Jane (Taylor) Wallace (3 Dec 1857 Daviess County, Ky.).<sup>44</sup>

Richard Duke, son of John and Elizabeth, married Sarah Stateler (27 Feb 1823 Ohio County, Ky.). Between 1846-1850 he left Ohio County and moved to Jackson County, Mo. In the latter county his widow is listed in the 1860 census.<sup>45</sup>

Deborah Duke, daughter of John and Elizabeth, married John W. Stevens (7 Sep 1819, Ohio County, Ky.). She died 3 January 1838, Ohio County. She was probably buried in the Taylor-Stevens Cemetery in Ohio County, where her husband, John Stevens (1798-1868) has a gravestone.<sup>46</sup>

John Duke, son of John and Elizabeth, married Nancy Leachman (14 Sep 1826 Daviess County, Ky.). In 1870 he was living in Ohio County and his widow is listed in the 1880 census of McLean County, Ky. He died about 1877.<sup>47</sup>

Thomas Duke, son of John and Elizabeth, died 2 March 1888 in Ohio County, Ky., where he was buried at the Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery.<sup>48</sup>

Lydia Duke, daughter of John and Elizabeth, married Caleb Boswell (22 Nov 1825 Ohio County, Ky.). She died between 1834-1840 in Ohio County and was probably buried at the Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, where her husband was interred.<sup>49</sup>

Mary (Polly) Duke, daughter of John and Elizabeth, married Samuel W. Ambrose (28 June 1832 Ohio County, Ky.).<sup>50</sup>

## ENDNOTES

- <sup>1</sup> Jerry Long is reference librarian in the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, Kentucky.
- <sup>2</sup> Editor's note: The transcribed dates from the family Bible notations have been left in the order they were written.
- <sup>3</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1900 Federal Census, National Archives Film T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #204-205; Ohio County, Ky. Marriage Book 19, 174, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
- <sup>4</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1900 Federal Census, National Archives Film T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #204-205; Daviess County, Ky. Marriage Book 23, 42, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Ky.
- <sup>5</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1900 Federal Census, National Archives Film T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #204-205; Daviess County, Ky. Marriage Book 34, 33, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Ky.
- <sup>6</sup> Ohio County, Ky., 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #204-205; obituary of William V. Duke, *Owensboro Messenger*, Owensboro, Ky., 7 April 1916, 4.
- <sup>7</sup> Ohio County, Ky., 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #204-205; Spencer County, Ind., Marriage Book 22, 136, Spencer County Courthouse, Rockport, Ind.
- <sup>8</sup> The order of presentation and variations in handwriting and ink in the family record copied by Jerry Long on 11 September 1995 from Duke family bible in the possession of Mrs. Donald Gene (Mary Frances Duke) McKinzie of Louisville, Ky.
- <sup>9</sup> Will of John Duke, Ohio County Will Book C, 44, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky., probated 22 April 1844.
- <sup>10</sup> Will of John Duke, Ohio County Will Book C, 44, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky., probated 22 April 1844; Ohio County, Ky. Marriage Book A, 34, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
- <sup>11</sup> The order of presentation and variations in handwriting and ink in the family record copied by Jerry Long on 11 September 1995 from Duke family bible in the possession of Mrs. Donald Gene (Mary Frances Duke) McKinzie of Louisville, Ky.
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- <sup>14</sup> Will of John Duke, Ohio County Will Book C, 44, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky., probated 22 April 1844; Ohio County, Ky. Marriage Book A, 71 and consent slip signed by her father, John Duke, in original loose marriage document file, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
- <sup>15</sup> The order of presentation and variations in handwriting and ink in the family record copied by Jerry Long on 11 September 1995 from Duke family Bible in the possession of Mrs. Donald Gene (Mary Frances Duke) McKinzie of Louisville, Ky.
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- <sup>17</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1910 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T624-498, 191A, Rosine Precinct, household #348-139; Daviess County, Ky. Marriage Book 58, 78, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Ky.
- <sup>18</sup> Picture of gravestone of Darcus A. T. Duke, Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com))(website accessed 16 June 2011).
- <sup>19</sup> Obituary of Mary E. (Duke) Thomas, *Hartford Herald*, Hartford, Ky., 18 June 1884, 3.
- <sup>20</sup> Obituary of Mrs. John (Duke) Black, *Hartford Herald*, Hartford, Ky., 30 July 1884, 3.
- <sup>21</sup> Ohio County, Ky., 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #202-203; obituary of Sarah (Acton) Duke, *Messenger-Inquirer*, Owensboro, Ky., 26 August 1955.
- <sup>22</sup> Ohio County, Ky., 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #202-203; Ohio County Marriage Book 18, 116, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
- <sup>23</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #202-203; Kentucky death certificate of Virgil Duke, 1914 - certificate #23162, Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953 database, Ancestry ([www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com))(website accessed 16 June 2011).
- <sup>24</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1900 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T623-546, 169A, Rosine Precinct, household #202-203; Ohio County Marriage Book 21, 282, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
- <sup>25</sup> Kentucky death certificate of Richard Thompson Duke, 1911 - certificate #29573, Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953 database, Ancestry ([www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com))(website accessed 16 June 2011).
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- <sup>27</sup> Will of Thomas Duke, Ohio County Will Book D, 253, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky., probated 5 March 1888; Kentucky death certificate of W. V. Duke, 1916 - certificate #10105, Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953 database, Ancestry ([www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com))(website accessed 16 June 2011).
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- accessed 16 June 2011).
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  - <sup>38</sup> Ohio County, Ky. 1880 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm T9-436, 595A, Rosine Precinct, household #145-146 (in listing for John's son, Thomas, his father's place of birth reported to be Maryland); Ohio County, Ky. 1850 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm M432-215, 12B, District 1, household #167-167 (birthplace of John's son, William, given as Maryland) & p13A, District 1, household #176-176 (birthplace of John's son, John, given as Maryland) .
  - <sup>39</sup> Richard Stevens prayer book, *Southern By the Grace of God: Ancestors of James Henry Albury, Jr.*, (<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/a/l/l/b/Kimberly-Albury/index.html>)(website accessed 17 June 2011).
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  - <sup>41</sup> "History of Bethel Methodist Church," Harry D. Tinsley, *Ohio County News*, Hartford, Ky., 21 January 1955; Ohio County Deed Book D, 138-9, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
  - <sup>42</sup> Pictures of gravestones of John & Elizabeth Ann Duke, Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com))(website accessed 17 June 2011).
  - <sup>43</sup> Listing of Milton Taylor Cemetery, Ohio County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Volume 2, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association (Owensboro, Ky., 1977), 72.
  - <sup>44</sup> Ohio County Marriage Book A, 30, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.; Daviess County, Ky. Marriage Book D, 171, Daviess County Courthouse, Owensboro, Ky.
  - <sup>45</sup> Ohio County Marriage Book A, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.: 69; microfilm of Ohio County, Ky. Tax Lists, 1840-1850, Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, Ky.; Jackson County, Mo. 1850 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm M432-402, p227B, household #13-13; Jackson County, MO 1860 Federal Census, National Archives microfilm M653-625, 172, household #1386-1439.
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  - <sup>48</sup> Obituary of Thomas Duke, *Hartford Herald*, Hartford, Ky., 7 March 1888, 3; picture of gravestone of Thomas Duke, Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com))(website accessed 17 June 2011).
  - <sup>49</sup> Lydia Duke marriage, Ohio County Marriage Book A, 71; remarriage of Caleb Boswell (Lydia Duke's husband), Ohio County Marriage Book A, 76, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky.
  - <sup>50</sup> Ohio County Marriage Book A, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, Ky., 115.

## Queries

Need names of the parents of Rhoda Bishop (born 1829). She married Bazil Edmiston in Hopkins County, Kentucky. I know she is related to William and Isabelle Bishop. I think she may be their granddaughter.

Searching for the names of the parents of Sarah Hicks. Sarah was born in Tennessee in 1838. She married Jesse Parrish in Hopkins County, Kentucky, 16 November 1857.

Looking for the location and date of death for Mary Francis Obryan Sisk Allen. She married John Sisk 16 January 1867 in Hopkins County, Kentucky. She married Richard E Allen 16 January 1895, also in Hopkins County.

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# Family-History Materials in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

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Curt Witcher, senior manager of genealogy and special collections at the Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne, Indiana), gave an excellent presentation on “Mining the Motherlode: Using Periodical Literature and PERSI for Genealogical Research” at the May 2011 NGS conference in Charleston, South Carolina. His talk highlighted the often-overlooked gold mine of genealogical information that can be discovered in the pages of genealogical and historical periodicals. This is especially true for genealogy researchers who may not realize that the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* contained a wealth of Kentucky-related genealogical material in its first seven decades of publication.

*The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (hereafter *Register*) included genealogy articles from its first issue in 1903 until 1965 (genealogy articles were no longer published in the *Register* after *Kentucky Ancestors*, genealogy quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society began publication). The first issue of the *Register* included an article on the ancestry of Daniel Boone and subsequent issues over the next seven decades included genealogy articles on a large number of the families that built the early heritage of Kentucky. The complete table of contents for the *Register* can be found and downloaded in PDF format on the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) website ([www.history.ky.gov](http://www.history.ky.gov)).

Many of the family-history articles and other genealogical materials that were published in

the *Register* were reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Company. Below is a list and description of the various books that have been compiled and published:

*Early Kentucky Tax Records* (Baltimore, 1984).

These reprinted tax lists cover a total of eighteen different Kentucky counties in a period covering 1788 to 1801.

*Genealogies of Kentucky Families* (Baltimore, 1981).

Two volumes contain the Kentucky genealogical articles that were published in the *Register*.

*Kentucky Marriage Records* (Baltimore, 1983).

These listings of Kentucky marriages were published in a number of different articles and cover several Kentucky counties.

*Kentucky Marriages, 1797-1865*. (Baltimore, 1977).

*Kentucky Obituaries, 1787-1854*. (Baltimore, 1977).

These obituaries were collected from the newspaper files of the Lexington Public Library by G. Glenn Clift. The specific date and newspaper source for each entry is noted.

*The Certificate Book of the Virginia Land Commission, 1779-80* was published in the four issues of the *Register* in 1923 (Volume 22, Nos. 61-64).

All of the books mentioned above can be obtained through interlibrary loan at your local public library and are available for purchase from the Genealogical Publishing Company on their website, [www.genealogical.com](http://www.genealogical.com).

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